

KHPA Board Update: Kansas Health Data Consortium

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The 9th meeting of the Data Consortium was convened by KHPA on 8/3/09 in Topeka attended by 34 representatives from 19 organizations. The agenda addressed the following topics:

- **Kansas Health Indicators**: The latest release incorporating county-level geographic maps, more detailed breakdowns, most recent data for select indicators and the ability to track indicator-level web usage was reviewed.
(http://www.khpa.ks.gov/data_consortium/data_consortium_health_indicators/default.htm)
- **Kansas Healthcare Collaborative**: Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, gave an update on the recently formed Kansas Healthcare Collaborative - a joint effort between the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Medical Society with support from the Kansas Health Foundation and Sunflower Foundation - to address quality of care issues modeled after the Iowa Collaborative and introduced Kendra Tinsley, the director for this initiative.
- **Public Reporting Principles**: Andrea Bozarth from AARP presented principles for reporting to consumers and providers developed by the Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance (AQA)
- **KHPA Staffing Reductions**: Dr. Andy Allison updated the Consortium on the potential impact of KHPA staffing reductions on Consortium activities.
- **Data Analytic Interface**: Dr. Hareesh Mavoori reported on the successful completion of System Integration Testing and preparation for tester training and User Acceptance Testing scheduled for August 17-28.
- **Kansas Health Insurance Information System (KHIIS)**: For the first time, comparative reports integrating drug claims data for KHIIS, Medicaid, and State Employee Health Plans were publicly shared with the Consortium for feedback. These included breakdowns by drug groups for allowed-to-charged, patient responsibility-to-allowed, average patient responsibility, and distribution of expenditures. The Data Analytic Interface (DAI) is expected to facilitate easier and more standardized similar comparisons between the various payer programs.
(http://www.khpa.ks.gov/data_consortium/PreviousMeetings/082009.htm)
- **Health Professions Workforce Data Collection**: Robert Stiles, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, presented challenges with current workforce data collection to support Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA), Medically Underserved Area (MUA) designations and other advanced workforce analyses. A Data Consortium workgroup is being formed to address these issues with the 8 reporting Licensure Boards.
- (All meeting materials are available online at:
http://www.khpa.ks.gov/data_consortium/PreviousMeetings/082009.htm)